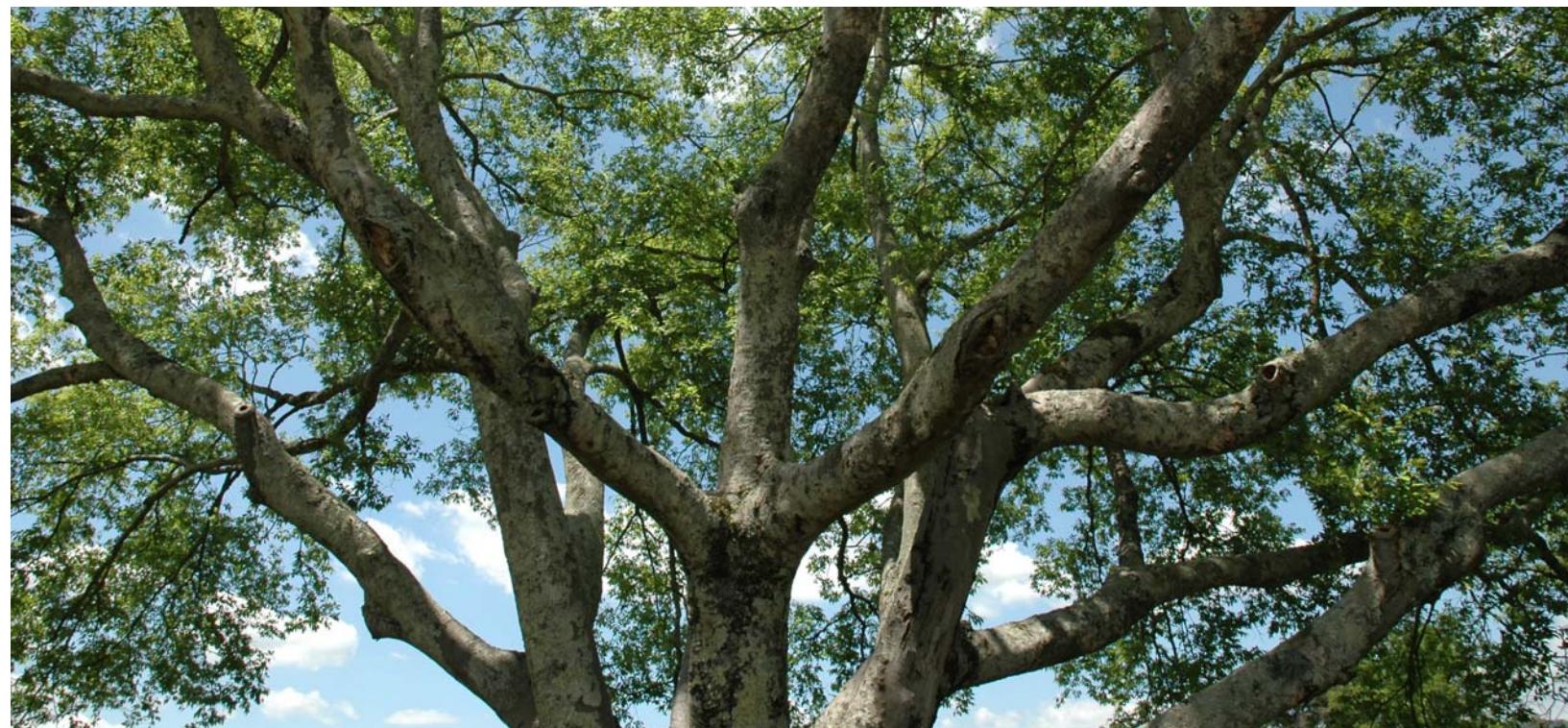


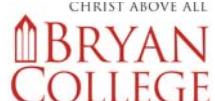
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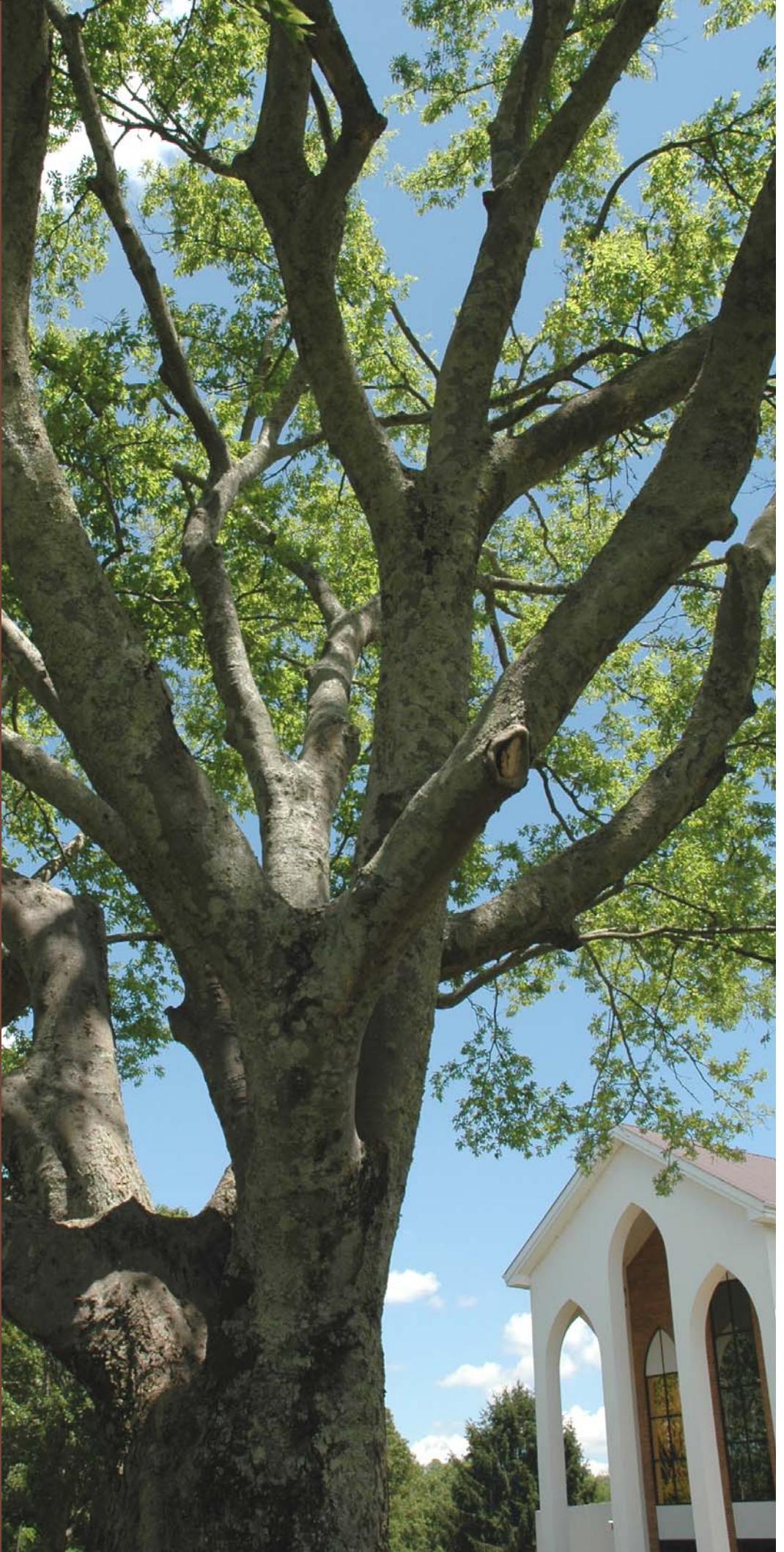
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# a letter from the president



“Does it really make a difference which college you attend?” The answer to that question is a theme that weaves its way through the pages of this issue of Bryan Life. God is honored by the telling of these stories that feature our current students, our new graduates, and our faithful alumni who are making a difference in their worlds.

On May 5, 2007 seniors eagerly traversed the platform to receive their diplomas and other awards for a job well done—giving tangible evidence of the reward of many years of diligent work by both students and their professors. Although commencements are common at every college, the kind of education Bryan graduates receive is unique.

During the spring semester I had an interesting conversation with a member of our women’s basketball team who was part of this graduating class. She told me that she had attended three colleges before transferring to Bryan from another Christian college two years ago. “I want you to know,” she said to me, “what Bryan has meant to me spiritually. This is the first college where I have seen a consistency between the teachings of the Bible and what is taught and lived out on the campus. I couldn’t be happier to have come to Bryan.”

By holding to absolute truth and by nurturing the freedom to know and love Jesus Christ through discipleship and spiritual formation, Bryan is producing a generation of leaders who look at their world through the lens

of a biblical worldview. Our desire is for our students to follow Paul’s injunction to “bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ” (2 Cor. 10:5).

I am convinced that the history of our nation is written by the teachings imparted on college campuses. There is great hope for our nation and the peoples of the world as Bryan continues to graduate students who have a life-long desire to serve their Savior by making a difference in their world.

**“...Bryan is producing a generation of leaders who look at their world through the lens of a biblical worldview.”**

Because Wayne, ’74, and Diane Cropp know that Bryan did make a difference in Wayne’s life and that of his siblings, the campus family and visitors now enjoy a beautiful and significant collection of art, “The Magnificent Fifty: Foundation of Faith,” that hangs in the second floor of Mercer Hall. With a significant gift to his alma mater, Wayne has chosen to honor his parents who sacrificed so that Wayne could be a Bryan student. What a great investment by John and Patricia Cropp and what an example set for all Bryan alums by Wayne and Diane.

Yes, it really does make a difference where you attend college. Bryan College: Educating students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today’s world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen D. Livesay".

Dr. Stephen D. Livesay

# 'neath the Red and Gold



## Bryan celebrates Graduation 2007

A red-letter day for Bryan's Class of 2007 had a star-spangled lining as the graduation program included commissioning one graduate as an officer in the United States Marine Corps.

Two hundred graduates received their degrees, eight members of the Class of 1957 received their Golden Anniversary diplomas, and one of those alumni was presented an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree in Bryan's 74th commencement on May 5.

With some 1,600 guests gathered on the Triangle lawn, Bryan President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay told graduates, "I commend you for persevering in the pursuit of your degrees, for triumphing over many obstacles to obtain this goal set before you.

"I commend you today to unlock the secret of a successful life—of yielding yourselves anew each day in humble obedience to God's word and grasping His hand of guidance. I commend you to God's providential hand for care and keeping.

"I charge you with honoring the motto of your alma mater—Christ Above All—for as you honor and live out that motto, you honor Bryan College and all who have gone on before you representing Bryan throughout the world.

"I charge you with leading lives of excellence—lives of leadership in the vocation to which you are called and have been prepared. May God enable you to make a difference in your world.

"And finally, and most significantly, I charge you to live out the greatest of commandments—to love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your strength, and all your mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself."

Festivities began Friday with the Golden Graduates' dinner, a Vespers service for the graduates, and a reception at the home of President and Mrs. Livesay.

In his remarks to the Class of 1957, Dr. Livesay complimented them for their years of service to the Lord, their example to current students, and their support for the college. He said Bryan's motto, Christ Above All, is and will remain a constant reminder that every endeavor of the college must be carried out in ways that honor our Lord.

That theme surfaced again in his remarks to the Class of 2007. "I just came from meeting with the Golden Graduates. They have kept the faith," he said. "Your greatest testimony when you come back in 2057 for your golden graduation is that you will be able to say that you kept the faith.

"We on this campus want to keep Bryan College what it is, but to dig down deeper and become more salt and light in the world.

"I challenge you to make a difference. You are going to have to get out of the boat if you are going to walk on water. Get out of the boat. Do something only the Lord can do through you."



Graduate John Schindler, speaking for his classmates, pointed out that Dr. Livesay arrived at Bryan “with us. Like us, he was the new kid on the block. But the college has moved forward under his leadership.” College “was a struggle for some, a breeze for others” but Bryan has “molded and shaped [us] into men and women.”

John Stonestreet, assistant professor of Bible and director of the Summit at Bryan College, spoke at the invitation of the graduates. He encouraged them to not celebrate some things at graduation.

“Don’t celebrate that you’re finished,” he said. “College is not about being finished. The purpose of education is not to get educated but to prepare for what happens for the rest of your life. This is a trajectory you are put on.

“You’re not finished. You don’t finish learning, living in community, growing, being tested.

“Don’t celebrate that you’re now ready to enter the real world. You’ve always been in the real world. This

**“Be an ambassador. Live life, protect life, proclaim life.”**  
**John Stonestreet**

place is filled with real people, real decisions, real consequences. You may transition from one place to another, but you are in the real world.”

At the same time, he pointed out that as Christians “our celebrations are contextualized because they are centered on God’s faithfulness.”

Mr. Stonestreet called on the graduates to “be activists. We are called to be human, we are called to be creative. Live life, don’t be afraid to be human.

“Be an alien. At the end of the day we are supposed to do things differently. We are not supposed to be aliens from the earth, but from the world. Don’t go around the world, go through it.

“Be an ambassador. Live life, protect life, proclaim life.”

Following Vespers, the graduates moved to the home of Dr. and Mrs. Livesay for a reception, which was cut short by rain that began to fall about 9 p.m.

Although the clouds lingered Saturday morning, the rain stopped in time for a squad of Operations person-



(Left) Members of the Class of 1957 were honored during their Golden Graduation reunion at commencement. Pictured, from left, front, are Judy King Barth, Charlotte Wilde Schoettle, and Donna Black Cornelius. Back are Jim Barth, Ken Hanna, Helen Bush Archer, Shirley Jurliss Hobson, and Shirley Smiley Klingsmith. (Right) Bryan President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay presents former President Dr. Kenneth G. Hanna his honorary Doctor of Humane Letters diploma.



nel to wipe down the 1,800 seats that had been placed on the Triangle for the graduation service.

Following a longstanding tradition, addresses were presented by representatives of the graduation class. Destiny Gordon, speaking for graduates in the Aspire degree completion program, credited the program with helping her achieve a dream of earning her diploma. In addition, the coursework was immediately applicable in her job.

“One of the first assignments in Aspire was to read an essay entitled ‘Essay on the Nature of Mankind According to Scripture.’ It talked about how we are made in the image of God and how God made mankind in His image. This was something I knew, but applying it to the world of business became a first-hand truth when I received a promotion at my job. I looked at my occupation, which was a leadership role, and tried to always consider the principles outlined in the essay.”

Beth Starbuck, speaking for the traditional graduates, challenged her classmates to beware of the post-

modern philosophy of tolerance and not deviate from truth, no matter how difficult that may be.

“I believe the real challenge we have before us is not to persuade everyone that we are right or to win every apologetic argument. If we truly desire to make an eternal difference with a world that teaches tolerance, our biggest challenge is to speak the truth in love.

“My prayer for this graduating class is that we will not be swept under the current of the philosophy of our culture. Instead, may we build relationships with people who oppose our views, and demonstrate that Christian love trumps tolerance at all times.”

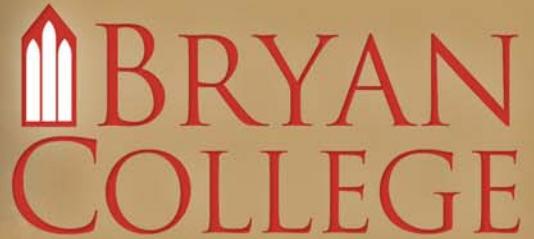
A patriotic touch was added to the service as Jonathan Lucas, who received a B.S. degree in biology, took his oath as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. After his parents, Robert and Joan Lucas of Waldorf, Md., pinned the insignia of rank on his shoulders, he received his first salute as an officer from Marine Cpl. Jeff Ruark, a member of the Class of 2008, who recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq.



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# campus

# news

## Kauffman moves to academics

Laura Kaufmann has been named assistant academic vice president, assuming some of the responsibilities relinquished as Dr. Ken Froemke moves from his position as dean of instruction to a new position as accreditation liaison, Academic Vice President Dr. Calvin White has announced.

The changes became effective June 1.

Dr. White said Dr. Froemke has been asking for some time to curtail some of his responsibilities, and his new position will concentrate his attention on areas which match his strengths and the college's needs.

Ms. Kaufmann will retain her position as director of the library and will assume responsibilities from Dr. Froemke including directing the liberal arts major, overseeing the curriculum committee, and faculty development.

"We have been talking to Ms. Kaufmann for about five years about expanding her role at Bryan," Dr. White said. "The president, Dr. Froemke, and I have looked at her as a leader, a good thinker, a strategic planner. She has a long history with the college and the faculty respects her."

Ms. Kaufmann is a 1987 Bryan graduate and this year completed 10 years of service at the college.

"I'm prayerfully eager for a change from library administration, much as I've loved that, and I'm excited to see how the Lord is shaping our alma mater's future," Ms. Kaufmann said.



In her tenure as library director she has overseen construction of a library facility separate from the college administration building, a doubling in size of the collection, doubling of the staff, and quintupled use of library materials. The library's Association of College and Research Libraries rating has risen from a "C" 10 years ago to an "A" today.

Her appointment is part of the administration's plan to provide raise enrollment to 1,200 in the traditional program in the next several years, requiring a growth in faculty, staff and academic programs, Dr. White said.

## Froemke to focus on accreditation

For the third time in his nearly 30 years at Bryan, Dr. Ken

Froemke is moving out of the academic arena, this time to a position designed to ensure the college remains in compliance with accreditation requirements.

Dr. Froemke, a 1968 Bryan graduate, returned to his alma mater in 1978 as a professor in the education department after 10 years of teaching and counseling in public schools. A year later, then-President Dr. Theodore C. Mercer asked him to create a counsel-

ing office, where he stayed for eight years.

"Eventually we had two full-time counselors," he said. "We did career screening, personal and academic counseling and had an extensive testing program."



Ken and Marcy Froemke

He returned to the education department as the department head and assumed leadership for that department's reaccreditation review by the state in 1993. As a result of that successful process, then-President Dr. William E. Brown asked him to again leave the education department and become dean of institutional effectiveness and prepare for reaccreditation of the college by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1994. He accepted that challenge and established a model which has been adopted by a number of other Christian colleges.

During Dr. Brown's presidency Dr. Froemke was drawn back to the academic program, becoming head of the liberal arts major, in addition to his other responsibilities.

"In 2004, we had a very good reaccreditation visit by the Southern

Association's Commission on Colleges team," Dr. Froemke said. "But the work load has continued to grow. Our president (Dr. Stephen D. Livesay) is aggressively pursuing new programs such as the MBA degree. All of these involve writing proposals to the Commission on Colleges, developing self studies, and coordinating site visits. Since the MBA was approved last year, that has consumed a lot of time."

Under the leadership of Dr. Cal White, academic vice president, Dr. Froemke's title was changed to dean

Froemke is cutting ties with Bryan academics to focus on other college needs.

He said there are two things of which he is particularly proud in his service to the college. The successful accreditation visits for the college in 2004 and the MBA program in 2006 are significant because "Dr. Livesay told me it is unheard of for a visit to conclude with only two or three recommendations, as we did with both of these." The other is serving as a confidential sounding board for Dr. Brown.

**“...This is the best way I can contribute to the college before I retire.”**

**Dr. Ken Froemke**

of instruction and he was given additional responsibilities for orienting and mentoring new faculty members, evaluating current faculty, and chairing the curriculum committee.

"After these many years at Bryan, I felt it was time to cut back," he said. "I thought I'd concentrate solely on the position of accreditation liaison that the Commission on Colleges mandated. It's a three-page job description they are requiring member schools to implement, and I thought this is the best way I could continue to contribute to the college before I retire."

So, for the third time, Dr.

Ms. Laura

Kaufmann, who will assume some of Dr. Froemke's

academic responsibilities in her new position as assistant academic vice president, said, "He has accomplished invaluable (and seemingly impossible) successes in the accreditation process that have meant the difference between Bryan's thriving or being sidelined. He's certainly among those alumni who have contributed significantly to our alma mater."

Ken is married to **Dr. MARCY (STEWART) FROEMKE, '72**, an assistant professor in Bryan's Department of Education. They would like to hear from friends by email at [froemke@bryan.edu](mailto:froemke@bryan.edu) or [froemkma@bryan.edu](mailto:froemkma@bryan.edu).

# Cropp family helps deck the halls

“This opportunity was perfect; it fit.” Wayne Cropp, ’74, was speaking of the new look in the corridors of the first and second floors of Mercer Hall, which have become a showcase for a unique exhibit of watercolor paintings of the 50 state capitols.

In November 2006, Mr. Cropp and his wife, Diane, approached Bryan President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay about making some kind of gift to honor Wayne’s parents.

“Bryan College is a great institution, one that I love and one that has meant a lot to our family,” Mr. Cropp said. “All four of the Cropp children went to Bryan. We came from humble circumstances, and it was a sacrifice, a commitment that my parents made to provide a Christian education for us. My desire was to recognize the sacrifice my parents made to send all four of us to Bryan.”

The dreams that became the showcase for the “Magnificent Fifty” began several years ago. Following reconstruction of Mercer Hall after the fire of 2000, suitable decoration of the corridors was delayed as other needs of the college were addressed.

About the same time, Dayton watercolor artist Sue Wilhoit was exhibiting paintings of Tennessee courthouses in Washington, D.C. She had the idea then to paint each state capitol, a project which she plans to complete in the next 18 months.

“I checked with the National Archives and Smithsonian Institution to see when something artistic rather



*From left, artist Sue Wilhoit; Melissa Cleveland, who framed the prints; and Patricia and John Cropp, parents of Wayne Cropp.*

than photographic like this had been done. I thought it would be unique for a single artist to do all 50 capitols.”

Dr. and Mrs. Livesay suggested that the Cropps underwrite the cost of lighting and decorative elements to provide suitable display space for prints of Mrs. Wilhoit’s paintings, with the addition of statements from each state’s historic documents pointing out this country’s Christian heritage.

“He mentioned that, and it seemed so natural for me,” Mr. Cropp said. “My personal interest in art tends toward a combination of landscapes and architecture. What Sue has done fit with that. Architecture and

nature can both glorify God. That was the unifying theme we wanted, honoring my parents and glorifying God.”

“We have a prayer that this art will speak in somebody’s life. We want somebody someday to see it all come together as they never had before they viewed this beautiful exhibit, that history, nature, and architecture can glorify God and tell us about our Christian heritage in this nation.”

Mrs. Livesay explained that a committee of faculty, staff, students and trustees worked with an interior designer to translate plans into reality. On May 4, the exhibit on the second floor was dedicated.

Vice President for Advancement Robert F. Davis said the Cropps' gift illustrates how needs of the college and desires of alumni and friends to create a lasting memorial can work together.

"Bryan College has a long list of special ways through which alumni may speak through their philanthropy," Mr. Davis said. Individuals interested in discussing this idea may call Mr. Davis at 423-775-7323.

Mr. Cropp added that the project his gift made possible is both a recognition of the efforts of the college to educate students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in the world and of the blessings he has enjoyed personally.

"Bryan College does not have a large endowment," he said. "I think of all the graduates who have been missionaries, ministers, or educators, doing things that are very important



*The Cropp family celebrate the completion of the "Magnificent Fifty" showcase at Bryan College with Dr. and Mrs. Livesay and Sue Wilhoit.*

to the kingdom of God, as a result of their Christian education. However, while saving up treasures in Heaven, those vocations generally do not make you rich here on earth.

"I'm a businessman; the Lord has blessed me with the opportunity to

own and sell a business. When I sold the business, I had the opportunity to make a contribution to Bryan College, and this opportunity was perfect, a good fit."

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# bryan sports

## Team ministers in Santo Domingo

**M**inistry and basketball was an irresistible combination for Sarah Coffman and six Lady Lions teammates as they traveled to Santo Domingo May 9-16 in a trip coordinated by Score International.

Asst. Coach Corey Mullins said a ministry trip such as this is part of the program's regular schedule, designed to enable team members to use their basketball skills to share the Gospel in another culture.

That was just what Sarah wanted. "I'm very interested in missions; I'm considering going into missions after I graduate," she said. "My vision of missions is that God has called us to share the Gospel. Plus, I thought this would be a cool opportunity to go and play basketball."

Playing basketball obviously wasn't the top priority for the trip as the pre-game schedule usually called for the team to be on the road at 8 a.m. to a ministry site, either a sugar cane village or an orphanage.

Coach Mullins said once they reached their site, "we'd spend about two hours there, playing with the kids. Two team members would give their testimonies and our interpreter would present the Gospel. We'd eat lunch, then take the bus to Santo Domingo to play a basketball game in the early afternoon.

He said the sugar cane villages "are the most primitive villages you ever saw. They are right outside the sugar cane fields. It's eye-opening to see how other people live and to see kids that don't have much, but are still happy. They were excited to see us, to show us their village and to show us the games they play."

Sarah said giving her testimony through an interpreter



*Senior Sarah Coffman, a member of the Lady Lions basketball team, ministered to the children of Santo Domingo on a team mission trip in May. She said her most memorable moment of the trip was singing to a little orphan girl named Maria.*

was difficult because "I would be thinking in English while the translator was talking in Spanish, and I wanted to hear what he was saying."

Her most memorable moment came without the aid of an interpreter. One day the team visited an orphanage for handicapped children. "I have a real passion for kids," she said, "but I had never been to an orphanage, let alone one where there are so many children with physical limitations. I really didn't know how to handle that, so the day before I really prayed."

Team members stopped by the beds of the children and tried to converse with them despite the language barrier. "I came to a little girl named Maria. All she could do was move her hands. I was holding her hands in mine,

and when I ran out of things to say I started singing “Maria” from “West Side Story.” She got the most beautiful smile on her face, and I started crying.”

In the late afternoon, the girls played their scheduled basketball games, facing teams which included professional players and top amateurs from the Dominican Republic.

“Women’s basketball is really picking up there,” Coach Mullins said. “Most of the guys play baseball, but the women play basketball. The basketball there was really good. All the teams we faced were extremely disciplined and very athletic.”

The Lady Lions went 1-3 on their trip, but the key for them was sharing their testimonies afterward.

Sarah explained that their group leader told them “the girls had heard the Gospel, but she said it takes about two years from the time they first hear until they begin to understand and are ready to make a decision. A couple of girls that we met accepted Christ.”

God working in lives was what the trip was all about, and Coach Mullins said that happened. “There wasn’t one



*Sophomore Kaylin Carswell plays with a group of lively children from Santo Domingo. Each day, Lady Lions team members would spend a few hours playing with children and sharing the gospel. After lunch, they would play a basketball game.*

outstanding event, just a whole lot of good stuff that happened,” he said. “Every game and in the villages we could see God working in the lives of people in unique ways.”

## Athletes receive post-season honors

**B**ryan student-athletes who received post-season honors this spring included:

### **Women’s Basketball**

♦ Brittany Swanson: Appalachian Athletic Conference Player of the Year award (second year in a row)  
♦ Kellie Thurman: All-Conference First Team.

♦ Katie Davis: All-Conference Third Team.

♦ Coach Matt Bollant was named AAC Co-Coach of the Year.

### **Men’s Basketball**

♦ Versell Wells: All-Conference Second Team.  
♦ Tyler Cooke, Kyle Terry: Academic All-Conference Team.  
♦ Alex White: AAC All-Freshman Team.

### **Baseball**

♦ Drew Fredrich: All-Conference.  
♦ Jeremy Deal, Will Newman, Ben Wharton, Michael Kent: Honorable Mention All-Conference.  
♦ Ben Wharton: Rawlings Gold Glove Award, outfielder, NAIA Region XII.  
♦ Drew Friedrich: Honorable Mention All-Region Team  
♦ Drew Friedrich, Jeremy Deal, Will Newman, Ben Wharton, Matt Day, Ben Young: NCCAA All-Region Team.  
♦ Michael Kent: NCCAA Honorable Mention All-Region Team.  
♦ Drew Friedrich: NCCAA Honorable Mention All-American.

### **Men’s Cross Country**

(Second place in AAC and Region 12 Championships in Men’s Cross Country)

♦ Daniel Goetz: ACC All Conference Cross Country, Region 12 All Region Team Cross Country, and NAIA National Championship qualifier in Cross Country, Indoor Track, and Outdoor Track.

♦ Josh Bradley: AAC Cross Country All Freshman Team and NAIA National Championship qualifier in Indoor Track, Outdoor Track.

♦ Zach Buffington: AAC Cross Country All Freshman Team.

### **Women’s Cross Country**

♦ Bailey Payne: AAC Cross Country Team.

# faculty/staff notes

**Mrs. Jody Cheon, Mrs. Tiffany Christian, Mr. Bryan Day, Mr. Christopher Henderson, Mr. Michael Sapienza and Ms. Kim Tuttle** attended the Southern Association for College Admission Counseling annual conference in Atlanta in April.

**Dr. Steve deGeorge** spent two weeks in the Czech Republic and Poland in May. He advised schools and presented seminars at a teacher's conference on behalf of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). He was part of the State Department of Education Review Committee for alternative teacher licensure programs in Nashville, Tenn., and was part of the visiting team for the ACSI review of Covenant College's education program.

**Dr. Marcy Froemke** attended the Association of Christian Schools International convention in Birmingham, Ala., in February.

**Miss Matthea Hungerford** received the Graduate Student Award for Outstanding Research Paper from Indiana State University for the work she did on her Master's thesis. The award is presented to the graduate student whose work, in the view of the faculty, made the greatest impact

or added most to the field. She also presented a poster titled "ATEP Course Placement Affects First-time Pass Rate of Written Examination" at the 2007 Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association annual research seminar in Franklin, Tenn., in March. The poster was based on her Master's thesis.

**Dr. Doug Kennard** presented two papers at the Society for Christian Philosophers meeting in April at Columbia International University in South Carolina. The papers are "Biblical Anthropology as a Creation and Revelation Framework for Doing Bio-Ethics with a "Focus on Soul," and "Biblical Anthropology as a Creation and Revelation Framework for Doing Bio-Ethics with an Emphasis on Image of God."

**Dr. Dana Kennedy** has completed all her course work for the Master's of Science degree in Public Health with a 4.0 grade average, and has had her doctoral prospectus approved.

**Dr. Stephen D. Livesay** attended the Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities president's meeting in Nashville and the American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities conference in Scottsdale, Ariz., in February.

**Dr. David Luther** was featured in a profile in the *Chattanooga Times Free Press* in March.

**Mr. Bruce Morgan** spoke at a celebration of Black History Month at Mt. Olive United Methodist Church in Dayton, Tenn., in February.

**Dr. Jeff Myers** hosted the Wisdom Trek conference for Passing the Baton International in Rome, Ga., in March. He traveled to Hawaii and Philippines to speak and to train Passing the Baton speakers in April. In May he was the keynote speaker at the Oklahoma Home Educators Conference, and delivered the graduation address at Donelson Christian Academy in Nashville, Tenn. He was the graduation and workshop speaker at New Testament Christian School in Plymouth, Mass., May 30-June 2.

**Dr. Drew Randle** spoke at the youth retreats of New Union Baptist Church and of Grace Bible Church, both of Dayton, Tenn., in February.

**Dr. Clark Rose** has received confirmation of his licensure as a licensed professional counselor with a mental health service provider designation in Tennessee.

**Dr. Jack Traylor** served as public address announcer for the National Association of Christian Athletics national invitational Christian high school basketball tournament in February and March.

**Dr. Ken Turner** was the conference speaker for a youth/college retreat in Las Vegas, Nev., in February.

**Dr. Cal White, Dr. Clark Rose, and Miss Laura Kaufmann** attended a council for Independent Colleges' conference on libraries in Portland, Ore., Feb. 28-March 3.

**Dr. Mel Wilhoit** sang with the Chattanooga Bach Choir in concerts in Signal Mountain, Tenn., and Dalton, Ga., in April. He performed a trumpet solo during a Mardi Gras fund-raising dinner for the choir in February. His article, "John Newton: Beyond Amazing Grace," was published in the collections *Minds and Hearts in Praise of God: Essays in Church Music in Honor of Hugh T. McElrath* (Providence House). He has been invited to deliver a lecture on the same subject at the annual conference of The Hymn Society in United States and Canada in July.

**Mr. John Stonestreet** spoke in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Mexico and Canada in March.



*Faculty and staff members who left the college at the end of the 2006-07 school year include, from left, **Lloyd Milligan**, instructor and missionary-in-residence; **Julian Williamson**, assistant professor of communication studies; **Matthea Hungerford**, instructor in health science; and **Keith Bates**, HVAC mechanic. Mr. Milligan will assume full-time responsibilities with Wycliffe Bible Translators, Mr. Williamson will work full-time on a film project over the next several years. Ms. Hungerford is returning to her alma mater, Gardner-Webb University, to take an athletic training position. Mr. Bates has taken a position in private industry.*

## Bollant named head coach for NCAA Division 1 Team

Women's basketball Coach Matt Bollant has been named head coach of the NCAA Division I University of Wisconsin-Green Bay women's basketball team. In his five years at Bryan, the Lady Lions posed a 134-38 record and made four straight trips to the NAIA national tournament. His first year the team played in the NCCAA national tournament.

# lion tracks



## 1940s



**NELL PEARSON, '49**, has faced health struggles this year as surgery to replace a hip replacement revealed problems from the original operation that made the planned replacement unwise. She requests prayer as she faces a difficult rehabilitation.

## 1950s



### Class Representatives

**1954:** Ginny Seguine Schatz

**1956:** Bud Schatz



Jim and Adrienne Reese (left)  
John and Lenore Kaiser (right)

### Dr. JIM and ADRIENNE (KERR)

**REESE**, both '56, and **Dr. JOHN** and **LEONORE (MARKOW)**

**KAISER**, both '79, had their own Bryan alumni meeting in Canada in April. John is president of the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada, and Jim and Adrienne have been serving Fellowship churches for 45 years.

## 1960s



### Class Representative

**1967:** Bob Andrews

**JANINE SLOCUM, '69**, lives in Greenville, S.C., where she is administrator of a renewal program for women involved in drug and alcohol abuse.

## 1970s



### Class Representative

**1971:** Maye Hayes Jepson

**MAYE (HAYES) JEPSON, '71**, has been named to the national board of directors of Stonecroft Ministries, a non-denominational, non-profit organization headquartered in Kansas City, Mo., with the vision of providing global leadership in reaching women for Jesus Christ. Maye and her husband **PHIL, '70**, live in Richmond, Va.

**STEVE CRISWELL, '78**, is the special teams coordinator and assistant offensive and defensive lines coach for the Dallas Desperadoes, an Arena Football League team. Steve and his wife, **LORI (UTZ), '79x**, are co-founders of The Edgewood Co. of Virginia, Inc., a multi-faceted transportation and logis-

tics company, and Edgewood Properties, LLC, a business properties purchase and revitalization company in Ashland, Va. Steve and Lori, parents of **ASHLEY, '06**, live in Aylett, Va.

**DANNY JELLEY, '77**, and his wife, Robbie, live in Hendersonville, Tenn., a suburb of Nashville, where Danny is vice president of development for Agio International, the largest manufacturer of outdoor furniture for the U.S. market. He "commutes" to China where the products are manufactured eight to 10 times a year. Danny and Robbie have been married 28 years and have two daughters and a son.

## 1980s



### Class Representatives

**1980:** Tom Branson

**1984:** Paulakay Franks

**1985:** Steve Stewart

**1986:** Gina Lyles Hays

**1987:** Laura Kaufmann

**1988:** Brett Roes

**1989:** Gretchen Mann Sanders

**BRUCE MORGAN, '82**, Bryan College dean of students, completed of his Master's degree in Higher Education from Geneva College in May.

**MARTHA (ARDELEAN), '83**, and Doug **WEYGANDT** took a missions trip vacation to Brazil in July 2006, and visited **RICK, '83x**, and **KIM (FIORI), '83**, **PARKER** while there. They spent time in the Amazon rain forest helping Rick and Kim prepare for a trip to a camp for underprivileged teens, and sightseeing in Brasilia where Martha had graduated from high school.

**CHERYL (JOHNSON), '84**, and Greg **RYLE** added 2-year-old Talitha to their family on Aug. 14, 2006. Talitha joins older siblings Meghan, 5, Matt, Jeremy, and Ben. Cheryl teaches sixth grade at Quisqueya Christian School in Haiti.

**COLLEEN (FISCHER), '86**, and John **MISIOLEK** live in Clementon, N.J., where they help run the youth ministries at their church. Their children are Matt, 16, a high school sophomore; Danielle, 15, a freshman; and Andy, 12, who is home schooled. Danielle and several friends travel each week to Walter Reed Army Medical Center to talk with injured soldiers and assist them in their craft therapy.

**GLENN MCCLAIN, '87**, received the Doctor of Education degree from the University of Northern Colorado in May. His major is in educational leadership and policy studies. In reporting this achievement he said, "My academic success has its roots in my experience at Bryan College. Many of the skills that I have used academi-

cally and professionally I honed on the Hill under the tutelage of Bryan professors." Glen serves as superintendent of schools for the Platte Valley School District in Kersey, Colo. He and his wife, **SHAWNA (BUCKLEN), '86**, have three children, Glenn III, 13; Seth, 11; and Helen, 5.

**BONNIE (WAGLER), '88**, and Chris **WILLIAMS** announce the birth of their daughter, Christina Grace, on

Jan. 2. Christina weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz., and was 20 1/2 inches long.

She joins big brother Tyler and big sister Kaylie. The Williams family lives in Dade City, Fla.

**DEBRA (MASTERS), '89** and Tim **SCHROEDER** announce the birth of their seventh child, Abigail Rose, on Dec. 18, 2006. Abigail joins siblings Buck, 15; Ethan, 13; Hannah, 11; Isaac, 7; Levi, 4; and Noah, 2. The Schroeder family lives in Sebring, Fla.



Christina Williams



Schroeder Children

## 1990s

### Class Representative

**1991:** Debbie MacNab Gegerson

A group of former basketball players and other alumni gathered at the home of **JOHN, '95**, and **ANGELA (GRIGGS), '94**, **SPEARS** in Alpharetta, Ga., for a weekend of fun centered around the NCAA national basketball tournament in Atlanta.

Pictured, from left, are **TIM MCINTOSH, '94**; **JEREMY SPERRING, '94**; **JOHN SPEARS, '95**; **PETE STONE, '96**; **KENNY GUSTAFSON, '94**; **CLAY CAUSEY, '95**; Coach Morris Michalski; **BRYAN ECK, '96**; **BURCH WALKER, '95**; **JEFF VANDEMARK, '96x**; **MATT BOSTIC, '97**; **SHAWN HILL, '95**; **TODD JACKSON, '95x**; **EVERETT BRACKEN, '92**; and **DAVID PERRY, '93**.



Basketball Reunion

# alumni chapters

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## Charlotte, NC

Officer: James Arnette, '90

## Dayton, OH

Officers: Tim Combs, '90

Mark Combs, '79

Jackie Perseghetti, '82



## Dayton, TN

*Being organized*



## Kansas City, MO

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## Knoxville, TN

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## Nashville, TN

Officers: Mark Robbins, '80

Mary Pierce Ewing, '75

## Orlando, FL

Officer: Lewis Alderman, '86

## Philadelphia, PA

Officer: Abby Miller, '03

## Phoenix, AZ

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## Richmond, VA

Officers: John Corcoran, '68

Barry Gilman, '69

## Washington, DC

Officer: Lisanne Boling, '03

**Alumni Council:** Ginny Schatz, '54, Bud Schatz, '56, Faith Heitzer, '69, Joe Runyon, '79, Tom Branson, '80, Ed Fickley, '89, Barton Stone, '05, *For information about your alumni chapter or to help organize a chapter in your area, contact the Alumni Office by email at [alumni@bryan.edu](mailto:alumni@bryan.edu) or by phone at 423-775-7297.*



Sarigumba Family

## PHIL, '96, and CHRISTY (TILLY), '97, PREWETTE

announce the birth of their third child, Micah David, on Feb. 4.



Micah Prewette

weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz., and was 20 1/2 inches long. He joins big sister Talia, 6, and big brother Josiah, 4.



Brent and Tara Randall

## TARA LUTHER, '96, and Brent

Randall were married Feb. 10, in Chattanooga, Tenn. Bryan alumni at the ceremony included matron of honor **KELLY (LUTHER) STULTZ, '93**; bridesmaids

## RACHEL (SNYDER) ORTEGO, '96

**KATIE SPELL, '00**; and

## MONICA (ROLLINS) WOOD-LIEF, '97

**SARA BETH WADE, '99**; **WENDY (TAYLOR) DAVID-SON, '96**; **SARAH BETH (NORDMOE) DOCKERY, '97**

## CHRIS FICKLEY, '96; JEN-

## NIFER MUSSELMAN, '01;

## DELURA KINDSFATHER, '79;

and **RICKY** and **HILARY (DAVIS) SMITH**, both '96. Tara is the daughter of **DRS. DAVID** and **SIGRID LUTHER**, both '95H, and members

of the Bryan music faculty. Tara returned in June 2006 from a three-

year term with Greater Europe Mission in France, where she taught English to adults and served in the local church. Brent has worked as an architect for the firm Loving and Campos for the past 11 years. The couple resides in Concord, Calif.

**AMANDA (HICKS), '98,** and Brandon **PARIS** announce the birth of their daughter, Cambria Lee, on Dec. 14, 2006. Cambria weighed 8 lbs., 15 oz. She joins big sister Clarity, 3 1/2. The Paris family lives in Chattanooga, Tenn., where Brandon has his own auto refinishing business.

**LYNDA MOORE, '96,** lives in Spring City, Tenn., where she is owner and principal broker for Tennessee Valley Realty.

**PAUL, '96, and MELISSA (LUBKE), '98x, BARTH** announce the adoption of their daughter, Ellie, in July 2005. Ellie, now 4, joins older siblings Robbie, 7, and Emma, 2. The Barth family lives in Chenoa, Ill.

**MELINDA SNEAD, '98,** and Matt

Rowand were married July 30, 2005, in Atlanta, Ga. Matt and

Melinda live in Suwanee, Ga.

Melinda is an event coordi-

nator at North

Point Community Church and Matt is a financial analyst for GE Capital.



**Matt and Melinda Rowand**

## 2000s

### Class Representatives

**2001:** Elizabeth Miller

**2002:** Jonathan Mobley

**2003:** Matt Lowe

**2004:** Taylor Smith

**2005:** Barton Stone

**2006:** Rob Palmer

**ZAC BROWN, '01,** a math teacher and head wrestling coach at Rhea County High School, Evensville, Tenn., was named area wrestling Coach of the Year by the *Chattanooga Times Free Press*. Zac, in his third year as head coach, had two medalists and six qualifiers for the state wrestling tournament. His team was one of three co-winners of the Team of the Year award.

## Alumni Golf Tournament

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[www.bryan.edu/alumni](http://www.bryan.edu/alumni).

**KRISTI (SIMMONS), '01, and**

Mason

**HUDLOW**

announce the birth of their daughter, Kayden Lee, on Sept. 19, 2006. Kayden weighed 8 lbs. **Jonathan and Kayden Hudlow**



inches long. She joins big brother Jonathan, 3. The Hudlow family lives in Rome, Ga.

**MICAH and JUDI (TOLIVER) ODOR**

both '01, announce the birth of their daughter, Jenna Charis, on Feb. 1. The Odor family lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Kelly and Karis Kroeker

**KELLEY (WESOLOWSKI), '02x, and Jonathan KROEKER** work with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Brazil. Jonathan does much of the maintenance work at their center, and will be heavily involved in the center's move to a site near Brasilia next year. Kelley and Jonathan plan a short furlough to the States with their daughter, Karis, this summer.

**ROBERT and PAULA (HEATHERSHAW) KENDALL**, both '02, announce the birth of their son, Micah Robert, on Aug. 4, 2006.

Micah joins big brother Ethan, 2.

Robert received his Master of Divinity from Capital Bible Seminary in May 2006, and was ordained in October by the Korean-American Church of Philippi, where he is pastor of English ministries. Paula works part time as children's director at the church and stays home with the boys.



Ethan and Micah Kendall



Sgt. Lucas Lewis

**SGT. LUCAS LEWIS, '03,** has been awarded the Bronze Star for valor during his last tour in Iraq. The incident which resulted in the award hap-

pened during a firefight and vehicle chase through a Baghdad neighborhood. Lucas is stationed with the 10th Mountain Division in Fort Drum, NY.

**VALERIE (HUTTENHOFF), '04,**

and Roy

**RAINES**

announce the birth of their daughter, Audra



Audra Raines

Kaye, on Nov. 3, 2006. The Raines family lives in Cleveland, Tenn.

**BOB ANGOVE, '03x, and**

**ABIGAIL SNEAD, '05,** were married July 16, 2005, in Atlanta. The Angoves live in Charlotte, N.C., where Abigail teaches and coaches soccer and Bob works in sales for an exterminating company.



Bob and Abigail Angove



Katie Flynn

**KATIE FLYNN, '05,** has passed her Maryland state EMT-B certification and plans to take the national registry exam. She works for the Army at Aberdeen Proving Grounds doing research on toxins and their treatments.

**JENNIFER GORDON, '05, and**

Ryan Freeman

were married

July 30, 2005,

and their

daughter,

Abigail Marie

Freeman was

born Nov. 23,

2006. The



Freeman family lives in Athens, Tenn.



Justin and Rachel Lonas

**JUSTIN LONAS** and **RACHEL GENTRY**, both '06, were married Oct. 7, 2006, in Hixson, Tenn. Alumni in the wedding party included **SARA DAVIS**, '06, **HUDSON ELLIS**, '06, **MARK LIVESAY**, '06x, **KEELAN DIEHL**, '06, and **BECA YARNELL**, '06x. Justin is a publisher at AMG International for *Pulpit Helps* magazine and Rachel teaches English in Hamilton County, Tenn.

## With the Lord

**LOWELL HOYT**, '42, of Dayton, Tenn., died April 6. He is survived by his wife, **REBECCA (PECK) HOYT**, '40; five sons, and a daughter.

**LAURA (EASTEP) HUMBERD**, '43, of Winona Lake, Ind., died March 19. She is survived by her husband, **Dr. JESSE D. HUMBERD** '43, and two daughters.

Word recently was received of the death of **JOHN QUIMBY**, '45, of Brecksville, Ohio, on March 21, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Fran, and three daughters.

Word recently was received of the death of **EDWIN SVEDBERG**, '57, of Waxhaw, N.C., in June 2006. He is survived by his wife, Doris Svedberg, and three children.

**CINDY (POPE) FREULER**, '90, of Ooltewah, Tenn., died April 2. She is survived by her husband, **TITUS FREULER**, '90.

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# A Golden Opportunity

**G**ood memories of her experience at Bryan have led Shirley Jurliss Hobson to take steps to ensure those same opportunities are available for new generations of students.

Shirley, who recently returned to campus to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Class of 1957, said she is thrilled with the way Bryan is going and growing.

"I was back to campus one time many years ago," she said. "Then I was back two years ago when (husband) Mel received his Golden Diploma. I'm really thankful for what's happening at Bryan; it's so up-to-date and current. We're looking for people to send to Bryan."

Coming to Bryan the first time was a little more of a challenge. "Her mother wanted her to go to Ohio State, and said she would help financially," Mel explained. "Her grandmother in South Dakota wanted her to go to Brigham Young University and would have paid for all four years."

"That was before I was saved," Shirley interjected.

"God stepped in and prevented that."

Instead, she opted to come to Bryan, following the example of a friend from her home church, Naomi Hildebrand Walkwitz, a member of the Class of 1955. "I visited her at Bryan and liked what I saw and enrolled and graduated as an English major."

At Bryan, Shirley was involved with the Christian Service Association, the predecessor organization to Practical Christian Involvement. She even won blue ribbons for tennis, as a singles and a doubles player. "I still play tennis once or twice a week," she said.

Several years after graduating, Shirley returned to school to earn education certification, and spent 30 years as an elementary school teacher. "I loved the challenge of teaching," she said. "I loved seeing children learn. The Lord opened doors for me and blessed me as a teacher."



*Mel and Shirley Hobson*

Recently a speaker at their church challenged her to consider what she was doing with funds she had saved for her retirement. "He encouraged us to use our money to honor God," she said. "That touched my heart.

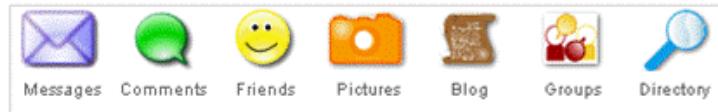
"We decided to invest in a gift annuity so after we pass on it will be used for the advancement of 'Christ Above All.'"

While the annuity will benefit Bryan College eventually, it has almost doubled the income that money was earning. "There is a big tax break as well, and when my accountant understood what we wanted to do he said, 'Absolutely do it,'" she added.

Development Director Jim Barth said Mrs. Hobson's experience is typical. "Many friends of Bryan College find that when they have money invested in CDs or other instruments they can double or triple their income, receive a significant tax break and leave a legacy that will benefit the college."

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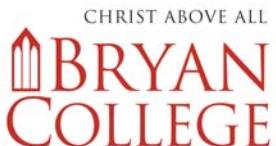
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